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Honorable Evelyn Padin United States District Judge **United States District Court** District of New Jersey 50 Walnut Street Newark, NJ 07102

> Re: United States v. Joel Lyons

Crim. No. 22-623 (EP)

Dear Judge Padin:

I represent Joel Lyons in the above-referenced matter. Sentencing is scheduled for September 10, 2025. In advance of sentencing, Mr. Lyons respectfully requests permission to have his five-year-old daughter and 17 year old brother present for the sentencing. Although we recognize that the Court typically does not permit minors to attend, Mr. Lyons can assure the court that his daughter and sibling will not be a distraction in any way during the proceedings.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/Ernesto Cerimele

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